

UPDATE ON MĀTAITAI RESERVE APPLICATIONS AND TAIĀPURE-LOCAL FISHERY PROPOSALS

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Mātaimai reserve applications

Aotea Harbour (west coast of the North Island)

- 1 On 31 August 2006 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Ngā Hapu o Aotea Moana for the northern part of the Kawhia/Aotea Taiapure-Local Fishery, which was established 8 May 2000. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 40 km² and includes all the waters of the Aotea Harbour and adjacent coastline from Matawha Point to Kahua Point.
- 2 Consultation with the local community ended 10 November 2006. A meeting with the local community was held 4 December 2006. Consultation with those who have a fishing interest in the proposed area ended 16 February 2007.
- 3 On 4 April 2007 the Ministry requested additional information from the one identified affected commercial fisher. He advised that he did not wish to add to the information provided in his previous submission.
- 4 The Ministry is undertaking a preliminary assessment of the issues raised during consultation.

Marokopa (west coast of the North Island)

- 5 On 7 February 2006 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from the Marokopa Marae Committee. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 68 km² and encompasses the area between Tirua Point and Harihari Beach, extending 1 km from shore on the west coast of the North Island.
- 6 Consultation with the local community ended 22 May 2006. A meeting with the local community was held 13 November 2006. The Ministry and the applicant have agreed to hold a second meeting with the local community to further discuss some outstanding issues. The date for the second meeting has not been confirmed.

Te Moana o Mauao (Mt. Maunganui)

- 7 On 23 November 2005 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from the Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Committee. The proposed mātaimai reserve originally covered approximately 7.5 km² and encompasses the area around Mt. Maunganui and a portion of Tauranga Harbour.
- 8 Consultation with the local community ended 8 May 2006. A meeting with the local community was held 21 September 2006. The Ministry and the applicant agreed to hold a second meeting with the local community on 29 March 2007 to further discuss some outstanding issues.
- 9 On 29 May 2007 the Ministry and the applicant also met with local commercial fishers. As a result of that meeting, on 10 May 2007 the applicant amended the western boundary of the proposed mātaimai reserve to exclude the Port of Tauranga wharf area so that commercial fishers could continue to utilise this area. The boundary amendment reduced the approximate area to 6 km². The applicant is also addressing concerns that the Port of Tauranga has expressed regarding the establishment of the mātaimai reserve possibly restricting future port operations, including the dredging of the channel that might affect a shellfish bed.
- 10 Consultation with those who have a fishing interest in the proposed area commenced 27 June 2007 and ends 6 August 2007. The Ministry may need to make a request for further information from identified affected commercial fishers.
- 11 The Ministry is undertaking a preliminary assessment of the issues raised during consultation.

Raukokore (Bay of Plenty)

- 12 On 3 July 2006 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Te Whanau a Maruhaeremuri Hapu Trust Board. This application requests an extension of the western boundary of the existing Raukokore Mātaimai Reserve established 11 August 2005. This extension includes the remainder of the Trust Board's rohe moana that was established 15 June 2006 after resolution of a dispute with the Hei whānau. The Raukokore Mātaimai Reserve covers 19 km², and the proposed extension would increase the size by approximately 8 km². The proposed extension comprises all coastal waters within the Raukokore Bay between Otiki and Ngutuone.
- 13 Consultation with the local community ended 20 October 2006. A meeting with the local community was held 2 November 2006.

Consultation with those who have a fishing interest in the proposed area ended 15 December 2006.

- 14 On 26 January 2007 the Ministry requested additional information from the one affected commercial fisher, which was received on 12 February 2007.
- 15 The Ministry has undertaken a full assessment of the issues raised during consultation and has discussed the issues with the applicant.
- 16 The advice paper is currently in the final stage of internal review.

Te Whanau-a-Hunaara (East Cape)

- 17 On 26 October 2004 the Ministry received a mātaihai reserve application from Te Whanau-a-Hunaara. The proposed mātaihai reserve is approximately 714.7 km² and encompasses the coastline approximately 2 km southwest of East Cape and extends from the mouth of the Awatere River at Te Araroa, east to Öpure at Te Pakihi and then extends 12-nautical miles to the Ranfurly Bank.
- 18 Consultation with the local community ended 17 December 2004. A meeting with the local community was held 20 March 2005.
- 19 The Ministry is awaiting confirmation of a date to meet with the applicant to discuss possible changes to the application and the next stage in the application process.

Kairakau Lands Trust (Southern Hawkes Bay)

- 20 On 4 May 2005 the Ministry received a mātaihai reserve application from the Kairakau Lands Trust. The proposed mātaihai reserve is approximately 29 km² and extends south from Huarau Point to Ouepoto, extending 1 km from shore, excluding the Mangakuri River mouth and Kairakau Beach area.
- 21 Consultation with the local community ended 6 July 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 1 September 2005. Consultation with those who have a fishing interest in the proposed area ended 11 December 2006.
- 22 On 12 June 2007 the Ministry requested additional information from identified affected commercial fishers by 12 July 2007. That day the Ministry received additional information from rock lobster fishers.
- 23 The Ministry is undertaking a preliminary assessment of the issues raised during consultation.

Pukaroro (Wairarapa)

- 24 On 11 June 2007 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Ngati Hinewaka me ona Karangaranga. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 0.65 km² in the Wairarapa area. The Ministry is awaiting confirmation from the applicant regarding the proposed boundaries before publishing notices that call for written submissions from the local community.

Matakitaki a Kupe (Cape Palliser)

- 25 On 11 June 2007 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Ngati Hinewaka me ona Karangaranga. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 7km² in the Cape Palliser area. The Ministry is awaiting confirmation from the applicant regarding the proposed boundaries before publishing notices that call for written submissions from the local community.

Tory Channel (Marlborough Sounds)

- 26 On 18 September 2005 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Te Atiawa. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 29 km² covering 81 km of coastline. The proposed area encompasses all the waters within an area running from West Head, along the mean high water spring tide level to Deiffenbach Point, in a straight line to Ruaomoko Point, then along mean high water springs to East Head, then across to the point of origin.
- 27 Consultation with the local community ended 18 November 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 8 December 2005.
- 28 The Ministry is awaiting confirmation of a date to meet with the applicant to discuss possible changes to the application and the next stage in the application process.

D'Urville Island (Marlborough Sounds)

- 29 On 3 February 2000 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from the Ngāti Koata No Rangitoto ki te Tonga Trust. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 3.2 km² and encompasses the area from Halfway Point following a straight line to Old Mans Head.
- 30 In December 2000 the Ministry provided final advice to the Minister of Fisheries. The Minister approved the application in principle subject to agreement over conditions between the Minister and

Ngati Koata that would address concerns raised by Rangitane and Ngati Kuia. The Minister raised these concerns with Ngati Koata.

- 31 On 12 July 2007 the Ministry enquired into possible agreement over conditions so that the application might proceed. To date the Ministry has not received a response to this enquiry. The Minister cannot make a final decision on the application until this matter has been resolved.

Moeraki Peninsula (North Otago)

- 32 On 20 October 2005 the Ministry received an amended mātaimai reserve application from Te Runanga o Moeraki. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 4.42 km² and encompasses the coastal waters from Ngutukaka Stream to Te Rapuka Creek, excluding an area on the west side of Moeraki Point. The original application submitted in 2001 has been withdrawn.
- 33 The Ministry is re-consulting on the amended application because of the duration of time since consultation occurred in 2001 on the original application and due to the substantial amendments made to the boundaries.
- 34 Consultation with the local community ended 12 December 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 11 April 2006.
- 35 The Ministry is awaiting notice from the applicant regarding when to consult with those who take fish or own quota.

Puna Wai Tōriki (South Otago)

- 36 On 20 July 2005 the Ministry received a mātaimai reserve application from Waikoau Ngai Tahu Runanga. The proposed mātaimai reserve is approximately 2.34 km² and encompasses the area between Tirohanga and O-Waea (Campbell Point) south of Kaka Point.
- 37 Consultation with the local community ended 19 September 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 2 November 2005. Consultation with those who take fish or own quota ended 19 December 2005.
- 38 On 9 January 2007 the Ministry requested additional information from known affected commercial fishers by 16 February 2007. In response, the Ministry received some additional information, which largely reiterated that the proposed mātaimai reserve would adversely affect their fishing operations.
- 39 The Ministry is currently drafting the advice paper.

Waikawa Harbour/Tumu Toka (The Catlins)

- 40 On 8 August 2005 the Ministry received a mātaihai reserve application from Te Runanga o Awarua. The proposed mātaihai reserve is approximately 11.2 km² and encompasses most of the waters of Waikawa Harbour, excluding the channel entrance and wharf area, portions of Curio Bay/Porpoise Bay and the waters of the Waikawa River to a point approximately 1 km north of the road bridge at Niagara Falls.
- 41 Consultation with the local community ended 3 October 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 3 November 2005. A further public meeting was held 19 December 2005 to discuss boundary amendments. Consultation with those who take fish or own quota ended 17 April 2006.
- 42 The Ministry is undertaking a preliminary assessment of the issues raised during consultation.

Waitutu (Southland)

- 43 On 3 August 2005 the Ministry received an amended application, dated 26 July 2005, from Waitutu Inc. and Te Runanga o Oraka Aparima for a mātaihai reserve for the coastal area between the Waitutu and Wairaurahiri Rivers on the southwest coast of the South Island. The original application submitted 7 February 2001 has been withdrawn.
- 44 The applicants subsequently notified the Ministry that the seaward boundary had been amended to include the area within a line from Long Point to the mouth of the Wairaurahiri River. The proposed area comprises approximately 4 km².
- 45 In August 2006 the Ministry received an amended application that states the Waitutu Inc. as the sole applicant. On 2 October 2006 Te Runanga o Oraka Aparima gave notice of a formal withdrawal of the application, but at that time neither supported nor opposed the application.
- 46 Consultation with the local community ended 26 September 2005. A meeting with the local community was held 13 April 2006. An informal meeting with the commercial sector was held 1 June 2006. Consultation with those who take fish or own quota ended 22 December 2006.
- 47 The Ministry is undertaking a preliminary assessment of the issues raised during consultation.

Tamaitemioka Titi Moutere (southwest of Stewart Island)

- 48 On 22 May 2002 the Ministry received a mātaītai reserve application from a Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki for the Hokonui Rūnanga. The proposed mātaītai reserve is approximately 0.018 km² and includes the embayment between Tamaitemioka Island and Pohowaitai Islands.
- 49 Consultation with the Southland local community ended 17 July 2002. A meeting with the local community was held 23 September 2002. Consultation with those who take fish or own quota ended 24 April 2004. The applicant has notified the Ministry that there are no changes to the application and in June 2006 provided additional information necessary for the application.
- 50 While the applicant is no longer Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki for the Hokonui Rūnanga, the application can proceed if the Rūnanga consider it is on their behalf.

Taiapure-local fishery proposals

Waka Tehaua (the Bluff on Ninety-mile Beach)

- 51 On 2 October 2006, the Ministry received a proposal for a taiapure-local fishery for the waters surrounding Waka Tehaua (the Bluff on Ninety-mile Beach) from the Aupouri Maori Trust Board, Te Runanga O te Aupouri and Te Aupouri Negotiations (Treaty) Claims Company. On 25 October 2006, the Ministry sent a letter of acknowledgement. The Ministry is currently assessing the application to advise the Minister of Fisheries.

Manukau Harbour

- 52 On 20 June 1990 the Ministry received a proposal for a taiapure-local fishery from the Huakina Development Trust, on behalf of the Tainui Maori Trust Board and Nga Marae Toopu. On 18 May 1998 the Tribunal released its report with the recommendation that the proposal be declined because of the size, the diverse use of the area and the complexity and multiplicity of local communities. On 22 June 2001 the Ministry requested the Huakina Development Trust provide a response regarding how best to proceed with the proposal. No response was received. The Ministry will follow up its request to the Huakina Development Trust.

Te Puna (Mangonui) Inlet

- 53 The Te Puna (Mangonui) Inlet taiapure-local fishery remains outstanding. However, the Ministry's file notes that on 23 June 1999 the applicants, Ngati Rehia o Te Ti Mangonui and Ngati Torehina, advised the Māori Land Court that they do not wish to proceed with the proposal but would rather apply for a mātaimai reserve under the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998. The Ministry will seek further confirmation regarding the intentions of the applicants.

Established mātaimai reserves and taiapure-local fishery

- 54 There are six mātaimai reserves established. Each reserve, the date established and the area covered are outlined as follows:
- 1) Rapaki Bay (Lyttelton Harbour), 18 December 1998, 0.3 km².
 - 2) Koukourarata (Lyttelton Harbour), 14 December 2000, 8 km².
 - 3) Te Whaka a Wera (Stewart Island), 3 December 2004, 77 km².
 - 4) Moremore (Hawkes Bay), 12 August 2005, 22.5 km².
 - 5) Mataura River (Southland), 12 August 2005, 10 km of the river.
 - 6) Raukokore (East Cape), 12 August 2005, 19 km².
- 55 There are eight taiāpure-local fisheries established. Each taiāpure-local fishery, the date established and the area covered are outlined as follows:
- 1) Palliser Bay (Southern Wairarapa), 13 July 1995, 3 km².
 - 2) Maketu (Bay of Plenty), 19 September 1996, 55 km².
 - 3) Porangahau (Southern Hawkes Bay), 5 December 1996, 67 km².
 - 4) Waikare Inlet (Northland), 18 December 1997, 18 km².
 - 5) East Otago, 1 July 1999, 23 km².
 - 6) Kawhia Aotea (Waikato), 11 May 2000, 137 km².
 - 7) Whakapuaka (Delaware Bay, Nelson), 21 February 2002, 25 km².
 - 8) Akaroa Harbour (Banks Peninsula), 2 March 2006, 45 km².